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Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For several years, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence has followed the efforts of the Department of State in developing a comprehensive program to provide automated support to the intelligence analysts within the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. The Committee's concern over the lack of progress in this area was highlighted in the Classified Annex to the Fiscal Year 1984 Intelligence Authorization Bill (H.R. 2968) which directed:

"...that the DCI undertake a study which (a) defines INR's automation requirements, (b) identifies Community ADP development efforts or systems currently in operation which may be applicable to INR's needs, and (c) establishes a plan for achieving an improved ADP capability for INR within a reasonable period of time. This study should be completed no later than September 30, 1983, in order that related resource recommendations may be factored into the fiscal year 1985 budget development process."

In accordance with the Committee's desires, a report was completed by the DCI in September, 1983, and briefed to the Congress shortly thereafter.

A critical finding within the report -- and one concurred in by the Committee -- was the need for INR to seek contractual assistance in order to define the Bureau's long-term ADP system requirements, to devise a workable system architecture incorporating current INR office automation equipment, and to estimate overall system cost for consideration in the INR budget submission. The Committee understands that an opportunity exists to amend a current departmental ADP contract in order to begin the INR study effort immediately. This action would permit a draft report to be submitted to INR in sufficient time for inclusion in the fiscal year 1986 budget.

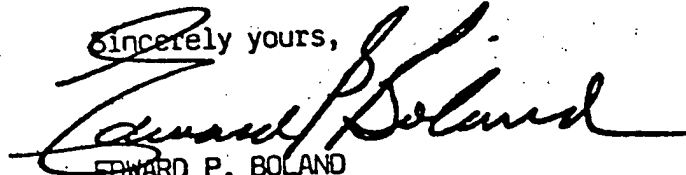
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In order that INR not fall further behind in its ADP development efforts, the Committee believes that decisions concerning the contracting strategy and identification of funds for the study effort must be made expeditiously. The Committee desires, therefore, that it be provided information concerning (a) Department of State's plans regarding the implementation of the DCI's recommendation for contractual support; and (b) the amount and source of funds committed to this project.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman

cc Hon William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence